

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 23 as indicated below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) Identification means, said identification means including a first identification portion relating to data of a secure or confidential nature in the form of one or more images, characters and/or text, a second identification portion removably located directly on top of ~~with~~ at least a part of said first identification portion to at least partially mask the first identification portion until said second identification portion has been removed therefrom, said second identification portion also being in the form of one or more images, characters and/or text, and wherein the second identification portion is provided in overlapping relationship ~~with said~~ on said first identification portion so that the combination of the first and second identification portions forms a further one or more images, characters and/or text different in appearance to said first and second identification portions, the first and second identification portions being undecipherable from the further one or more images, characters and/or text until the second identification portion has been removed, and wherein at least one further removable portion or coating is applied over at least a part of said first and second overlapping identification portions.

Claim 2 (original) Identification means according to claim 1 wherein the second identification portion is formed from an abradable material which is irreversibly removable from the first identification portion.

Claim 3 (original) Identification means according to claim 1 wherein the second identification portion is located with a whole or substantial part of said first identification portion.

Claim 4 (original) Identification means according to claim 1 wherein the second identification portion is provided under or below the first identification portion.

Claim 5 (original) Identification means according to claim 1 wherein the second identification portion is provided on top of or above the first identification portion.

Claim 6 (original) Identification means according to claim 1 wherein the second identification portion is different in appearance to the first identification portion.

Claim 7 (original) Identification means according to claim 1 wherein at least one further removable portion or coating is applied over at least a part of said first and second identification portions.

Claim 8 (original) Identification means according to claim 7 wherein the at least one further removable portion or coating is applied to a whole of substantial part of said first and second identification portions.

Claim 9 (original) Identification means according to claim 7 wherein the further removable portion includes one or more layers of abradable material.

Claim 10 (original) Identification means according to claim 7 wherein at least a third identification portion is provided on the further removable portion.

Claim 11 (original) Identification means according to claim 10 wherein the third identification portion is visible to a user viewing the identification means.

Claim 12 (original) Identification means according to claim 10 wherein the third identification portion relates to or is associated with one or more images, characters and/or text provided on the identification means.

Claim 13 (original) Identification means according to claim 12 wherein the one or more images, characters and/or text are separate to and/or independent of said first and/or second identification portions.

Claim 14 (original) Identification means according to claim 10 wherein the third identification portion is formed from abradable material.

Claim 15 (original) Identification means according to claim 1 wherein the identification means are any of a carrier, telephone card, promotional game, ticket, pin card, label, scratch card, brand protection process or lottery ticket.

Claim 16 (original) Identification means according to claim 1 wherein the identification means is provided with attachment means for attaching the same to an article.

Claim 17 (original) Identification means according to claim 16 wherein the attachment means includes an adhesive provided thereon.

Claim 18 (original) Identification means according to claim 1 wherein the first identification portion is printed onto the identification means.

Claim 19 (original) Identification means according to claim 1 wherein a holographic image is provided on said identification means.

Claim 20 (original) Identification means according to claim 1 wherein the first identification portion includes a resin containing material.

Claim 21 (original) Identification means according to claim 1 wherein the second identification portion includes a resin and wax containing material.

Claim 22 (original) Identification means according to claim 7 wherein the further removable portion includes a wax containing material.

Claim 23 (currently amended) A method of manufacturing identification means, said method including the steps of providing a first identification portion relating to data of a secure or confidential nature on a base member, providing a second identification on the base member directly on top of and in overlapping relationship to said first identification portion to cover at least a part of said first identification portion so that the combination of the first and second identification portions forms a further one or more images, characters and/or text different in appearance to said first and second identification portions, said first and second identification portions in the form of one or more images, characters and/or text, the first and second identification portions

being undecipherable from the further one or more images, characters and/or text until said second identification portion is removed from said first identification portion, and wherein at least one further removable portion or coating is applied over at least a part of said first and second overlapping identification portions.

Claim 24 (original) Identification means according to claim 23 wherein the first and second identification portions are applied to the identification means substantially simultaneously during manufacture.